



MAINE WORKS FOR

Maine Biological Laboratories

Maine Biological Laboratories (MBL) is a manufacturer of biological materials, primarily for veterinary use. Biological materials include vaccines and raw materials for the use in manufacturing of vaccines and diagnostic kits. A strong emphasis is placed on the poultry industry since many vaccines are required to safeguard the health and productivity of the poultry industry livestock worldwide.

Core technologies used in production include fermentation, cell culture and egg-origin antigen production. Overlapping technologies employed in development and production include DNA fingerprinting and amplification, molecular antigen quantitation, and enzyme linked immunosorbent assays, to name just a few techniques.

MBL is currently involved in a \$4 million expansion that will double its production floor space and align it with anticipated needs for the new millennium.

Why Maine Biological Laboratories chose Maine:

When MBL was founded in 1957, Dr. Kenneth Eskelund, decided to position the company to meet the needs not only of the Maine industry, but of the national and international poultry community. As the Maine poultry industry shrank in the face of the energy crisis of the 1970's, MBL was poised to survive and thrive with its broader customer base.

MBL has remained in the State of Maine because of a motivated workforce, a solid educational environment, and a beautiful natural environment. In the Maine biotechnology community, there are many small start-up firms with great ideas and concepts. This fosters a well-organized and articulate business community that can cross nourish itself.

State program participation:

- Maine Quality Centers Program
- Business Equipment Property Tax Reimbursement (BETR)
- Research and Development Sales Tax Exemption
- International Trade Assistance
- The Center for Innovation in Biotechnology

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- Dr. John P. Donahoe
President
Maine Biological Laboratories